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1. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR BRINGING CONSIDERATIONS SUPPORTING CUBAN MEMBERSHIP TO OUR ATTENTION. WHILE AGREEING THAT WE SHOULD SEEK TO INVOLVE THE CUBANS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN ARMS CONTROL EFFORTS, WE NONETHELESS BELIEVE THAT A VENEZUELAN SEAT ON THE

CD WOULD BETTER SERVE OUR INTERESTS. CUBAN MEMBERSHIP MAY POSSIBLY HELP TO BRING ABOUT A LONG-TERM MODERATION OF THE COUNTRY'S MILITARY APPROACH; HOWEVER, VENEZUELA IS A CLOSE REGIONAL ALLY AND HAS WORKED WELL WITH US IN OTHER AREAS OF ARMS CONTROL.

2. AS NOTED IN STATE 191777, WE EVENTUALLY MAY FIND IT NECESSARY TO AGREE TO CUBAN MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE AN OVERALL PACKAGE THAT IS ACCEPTABLE. AND, SHOULD TWO ADDITIONAL LATIN SEATS BECOME AVAILABLE ON THE CD--THIS REMAINS A POSSIBILITY--WE WOULD REASSESSOUR POSITION ON CUBA'S BID. VANCE

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